GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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Sports Exposure
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether sports has failed to receive the importance and exposure which it deserves;
(b) whether there is any proposal to make athletics, swimming and gymnastics compulsory games for students in schools; and
(c) if not, the details of urgent and drastic efforts taken/proposed to be taken to imbibe the spirit of sports in the young minds?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)
(a) No, Madam. It is not true that sports has failed to receive the importance and exposure which it deserves as there is increased awareness amongst youth of the country about the importance of sports and benefits of sports in health, fitness and overall personality development.
(b) & (c): Matter pertains to Ministry of Human Resource Development who has, inter-alia, intimated that as per the National Curriculum Framework (NCF), 2005, Health and Physical Education, which includes sports, is a compulsory subject from classes I to X and an optional subject at the higher secondary stage. However, education is a subject in the Concurrent List and most of the schools are under the purview of the State / Union Territory Governments.
The details of steps taken to be taken to imbibe the spirit of sports in the young minds as intimated by Ministry of Human Resource Development are enclosed as Annexure.
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